

and more than 4 decades, where he recorded and reported the events of Huntington Beach.

Not only is he a lifelong Southern Californian, but he is truly a trailblazer in the field of cable journalism. With programs like his "Local Cable Update," "Made in Huntington Beach," and "Surf City Highlights," Mr. Liffreing has brought everything from important current events to exciting local businesses to the airwaves, sharing the stories of our vibrant communities.

Today, on behalf of all Orange County, I want to thank Mr. Liffreing and congratulate him on his 40 years of service to our community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE POSTAL POLICE AUTHORITY CLARIFYING ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Postal Police Authority Clarifying Act, which would clarify that United States Postal Police Officers (PPOs) have authority to protect mail, postal property and postal employees both on and off United States Postal Service (USPS) real property. PPOs had been performing their duties both on and off USPS real property, but USPS has recently informed them that their statutory police powers are limited to USPS real property.

Under federal law, Postal Inspectors are authorized "to investigate criminal matters related to the Postal Service and the mails . . .," while PPOs are authorized to protect the "property owned or occupied by the Postal Service or under the charge and control of the Postal Service, and persons on that property, including duty in areas outside the property to the extent necessary to protect the property and persons on the property." USPS has recently informed PPOs that property consists only of USPS real property, so PPO police powers are limited to USPS real property. This narrow interpretation of the statute severely limits the ability of PPOs to protect mail and postal staff.

There has been an increase in mail theft nationally, including through the theft of stolen universal keys, formally referred to as "arrow keys." A constituent recently contacted my office after checks they put in a blue collection box were stolen. Thieves changed the payees and dollar amounts on the checks, and tens of thousands of dollars were stolen from my constituent's account. This is just one example of the increased mail theft occurring now, and is ample evidence of the need for legislation to clarify the authority of PPOs to fully protect mail and postal employees.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF NORTHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL WINNING THE DIVISION I STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I rise to pay a very special tribute to an outstanding high school baseball team in Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. The young men of the Northview High School baseball team have represented their school ably on their way to achieving the Division I State Baseball Title. The Northview Wildcats overcame the challenges posed by intense competition in their effort to surpass all other teams in the Division I State Baseball Playoffs.

In pursuing the State Championship, the Northview Wildcats defeated their outstanding competitors to win their first state baseball championship. The members of this very special team have shown that their sport requires an individual effort for a team result. Their hard work and dedication, both on and off the field, in achieving this accomplishment should be commended.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Northview High School baseball team. On behalf of the people of the Fifth District of Ohio, I am proud to recognize this great achievement.

INTRODUCTION OF THE AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE INFANT FORMULA ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the Affordable and Accessible Infant Formula Act, legislation to temporarily suspend tariffs on imported infant formula.

As we've all seen, families across the country have been facing a devastating infant formula shortage. Between the closure of an Abbott plant in Michigan in February and general supply chain struggles, out-of-stock rates for formula have been growing exponentially. At the end of May, ten states and fourteen metropolitan areas have out-of-stock rates higher than 90 percent. To make matters worse, re-starting formula production at Abbott's Michigan plant was further delayed after flooding from severe storms.

The Biden-Harris Administration has acted swiftly to respond to the crisis. In May, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) took unprecedented action to temporarily exercise enforcement discretion to increase infant formula in the United States. As of June 10, the Biden-Harris Administration has secured commitments to import 130.7 million bottles of formula.

The FDA's actions have allowed formula to be imported from around the world including Germany, Switzerland, and England. However, infant formula faces a substantial tariff when imported from countries without a Free Trade

Agreement or that are not part of a preference program. As infant formula is imported into the United States during this period of an infant formula shortage, tariffs will increase the cost of the formula by approximately 27 percent on average.

At a time of unprecedented crisis, the federal government should swiftly seek to remove any barriers that exacerbate the crisis. The FDA has done this by exercising enforcement discretion. Now, it is up to Congress to temporarily suspend the tariffs on imported infant formula so that imported formula is affordable for working families. Suspending these tariffs for the duration of the FDA's current easing import restrictions will lower the cost of infant formula at a time when working families and single parents are struggling.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation and bring relief to families across the country.

HONORING AND CONGRATULATING THE SERVICE OF EARL ANGELES

HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the dedicated service of Earl Angeles and congratulate him on his retirement. With over 38 years of federal service, Mr. Angeles recently worked as a Medical Technician with the 509th Healthcare Operations Squadron at Whiteman Air Force Base where he provided his peers with superior leadership, dedication, and an outstanding effort on a wide variety of projects and major programs that have impacted the Air Force Global Strike Command, and the United States Air Force.

After serving an honorable 24 years in the United States Air Force, Mr. Angeles began his career as a Medical Technician in 2007 where he performed 64,000 tests annually for 12,000 beneficiaries in eight departments. He continuously worked to bring innovative methods to the medical group which includes creating specimen label printing capabilities that improved patient safety and saved the wing \$2,600. He was coined by the squadron commander for his initiative.

At the start of the global Coronavirus pandemic in 2020, Mr. Angeles played a pivotal role in the emergency response of Whiteman Air Force Base and the two following years, he assisted in processing 8,700 Coronavirus disease samples, and the testing of over 3,000 rapid in-house patient samples. Mr. Angeles also helped with the modernization of the laboratory's capabilities by putting into place three analyzers that have increased testing accuracy, and reduced result turnaround times by 97 percent.

For over two decades, Mr. Angeles has devoted his service to the development of the laboratory where he has been a key asset to the wing and Whiteman Air Force Base. His extraordinary talents and determination have led him to win various awards and recognitions. It is a great honor that I recognize the dedicated service and retirement of Mr. Earl Angeles. Please join me in congratulating him for many years of service to our nation and to the United States Air Force.